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"CHINA MAIL" CENSUS

COMPETITION.

A census of the population of Hongkong is to be taken on May 20th, and in order that our readers may test their skill in estimating the growth of the population since the last census the *China Mail* is promoting a competition under three heads, asking its subscribers to predict the numbers of—(1) The total civil population; (2) Chinese population; (3) European and American population. We have, for the guidance of competitors, given the figures for the last two censuses. All competitors have to do is to cut out the coupons, fill in their estimate and forward them to our office, with the words "Census Competition" in the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Competitors may send in as many coupons as they desire. A prize will be given for the most correct estimate under each head. In the case of a tie the estimate first opened will be adjudged the winner.

No. 1.—TOTAL CIVIL POPULATION OF HONGKONG.

I predict that the total civil population of the Colony on May 20th, 1911, will be

Name

Address

A.B.—The last complete census of the Colony was taken in 1901, when the total civil population was officially returned at 283,906. In 1906 a partial census was taken, being confined to the original Colony of Hongkong and that part of the New Territory which lies south of the Kowloon range of hills. This partial census showed a total civil population of 319,893, but it should be pointed out that the portion of the New Territory not included in this census possessed a population of 85,011 in 1901.

No. 2.—TOTAL CHINESE POPULATION OF HONGKONG.

I predict that the total Chinese population of the Colony on May 20th, 1911, will be

Name

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N.B.—In November, 1906, a partial census was taken, this being confined to the original Colony of Hongkong and that part of the New Territory which lies south of the Kowloon range of hills. This partial census gave the total Chinese population (land and floating) as 307,388, but it should be borne in mind that the portion of the New Territory not included in this partial census possessed a population of 85,011 in 1901, the year when the last full census was taken. The total Chinese population for the whole Colony in 1901 was 374,543.

No. 3.—TOTAL EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN POPULATION OF HONGKONG.

I predict that the total European and American population of the Colony (resident and mercantile marine) on May 20th, 1911, will be

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, April 21.
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In spite of the assurances of the Com-
missioner of Police in London that he
believes opium smoking is on the decrease
in London, the bare figures would seem to
show that there are more opium dens in our
midst than before China came under the
edict of prohibition in 1906. I wonder if
there is any connection between the two?
It is an interesting speculation. Mr.
Churchill, anyway, told Lord Ninian
Crichton-Stuart that the London County
Council now know of twenty-two such
places in London, whereas in 1906 there
were only twelve, but he went on to
explain that the restrictions placed by the
London County Council on seamen's lodging
houses might account for the increase of
private dens.
Up in Liverpool, Bootle and elsewhere
along the Mersey the feeling has been
worked up till there are frequent disorders
with the Chinese as the objects of hatred.
It is quite reminiscent of Seattle, San
Francisco and Vancouver.
A WILD STORY.
In these political days we are accus-
tomed to swallowing a great many queer things
at elections, but in Ireland the other day
there was a cow that was a heap too rock-
less, for she died from curiosity, or it may
have been from stupidity, as to what she
could get rid of. Anyway, when the County
Mayor 'farmer who bought her took her
home she rummaged around the home-
stead for a bit, then became unwell
and a fortnight later died. A post
mortem examination was carried out by a
local expert and it revealed a leather clasp
purse, containing four sovereigns, a half
sovereign, a half crown, threepence in
coppers, and a railway ticket to Mullingar.
That led to further internal researches and
there presently came to light a brass door
knob, three breechloading cartridges and a
quantity of black glass, something like
that of porter bottles. Perhaps, after all,
the bovine intellect setting up as a marine
store dealer, but found herself unequal to
the task. Or it may have been merely a
case of persistent kleptomania, entirely in
keeping with her sex. A sad case, truly,
but no tears need be shed for the
bereaved owner, for he only gave £4 for her!

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How it may be Removed.
"WITH the banishment of Malaria a
new era will dawn in history."
These words, which cast a lurid glow
on the importance of the disease
directly responsible for more invaliding and
death than any other cause in China, were
spoken, a short time ago, by a distinguish-
ed man. Before that can be achieved,
however, untold millions of lives will have
been sacrificed to the ravages of that
pernicious microbe, which plays such havoc
with the red blood corpuscles, destroying
them, and depriving their haemoglobin,
while producing poisons which rack the
limbs with pain, reduce physical and mental
strength to a very low level, and set up
changes which may lead to the disease of
many more important organs.
Malaria is, however, too well known to
require comment in the tropics to make it
necessary to paint a picture of the suffering it
induces.
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is to point out clearly, simply, and directly
how the disastrous effects of the disease in
all their varied manifestations may be over-
come, how the patient may recover his full
health, strength, and vitality, and be
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After quinine has done its work, the
need is urgent for a reconstituent and
restoring preparation to restore the
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can be most easily made use of. In
addition, it increases the number and
quality of the red corpuscles to an amazing
extent. It frequently increases them by
half a million per cubic centimetre in a
fortnight, putting up the haemoglobin at
the rate of two per week.
The result is that the sufferer's
wasted body fills out, his shrunken
face gets young again, his dim eyes grow
bright, and his prematurely grey hair re-
sumes its normal tint, so that he seems to
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THE PEACE OUTLOOK.
Though some German writers continue
to point to "the Yellow Peril" as the
chief obstacle to the peace proposals and
the reduction of armaments, our Home
peace enthusiasts refuse to accept the
pessimism. Mr. G. H. Perrie, lecturing at
the Essex Hall the other night, vigorously
repudiated the theory, which he ascribed
to "half-pay colonels and canons without
enemies," to the effect that war was the
inevitable outcome of human passion and
instinct. War in the past he showed had
sprung from economic necessities and he
declared that the changes now going on in
European civilisation would remove those
economic causes and prepare the way for a
settled state of peace.
There was hope for the future, he con-
tinued, in the fact that the process of the
warning of nations, which brought about
many national collisions in the past, had
come to an end, for he did not regard the
so-called Yellow Peril as a serious danger.
Wars for the conquest of new territories
were becoming not worth the while in the
same way, he suggested, as landlords no
longer found it commercially worth while
to enclose common lands. Further, the
equalisation of the economic conditions of
the masses throughout Western Europe
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such officers will, we imagine, soon get their marching orders. This direct responsibility on the part of each Minister is one of the most beneficial and hopeful results which will accrue from the new conditions when they come into active operation.

It was only to be expected that the venerable Prince CHING would be the Premier, for he has held that nominal position for some considerable time now. He cannot, however, be regarded as a strong man and in view of his advancing age—he is 75 years old—it would have been a far wiser step had a more active man been called upon to take the helm and guide the ship of State through the troublous waters ahead. Though not an active or brilliant statesman, Prince CHING has given the best part of his life to the service of the Empire. He has, however, seldom struck out on independent lines of conduct, so that other officials lower in rank but of greater capacity and strength of character have been the real rulers of the Empire. His influence, none the less, has in days past been decidedly great, but in recent years the infirmities of age have pressed heavily on him, with the result that on numerous occasions he has prayed for leave to retire from office. Prince CHING has by no means escaped criticism; indeed, he has been severely reflected upon for his lack of zeal and has even been dubbed the most corrupt official in the whole Empire. The *Times* correspondent has described him as "amiable but corrupt, and for a generation he has stood for all that is worst in Chinese officialdom." All stories tell of his rapacity, his greed, his unscrupulous sale of office, his indifference to the affairs of State. His wealth is enormous, yet no charitable action has ever been recorded in his favour. Every new Minister in every office of emolument has to pay him toll. Scathing as this criticism is, the Chinese themselves have gone to even further limits still, and not long ago Censor CHIANG CHUN-LIN denounced him as an "old traitor" who in addition to finding fat jobs for his relatives and adopted relatives and friends recommends worthless and corrupt persons for high offices. If these criticisms are well founded—and there is doubtless a substratum of truth in them, to say the least—the sooner China is able to dispense with the aged PREMIER's services the better for the success of the new regime. Old and decrepit, he certainly cannot retain his grip much longer.

Next in importance to the post of Premier is that of Foreign Minister. This office falls to a Cantonese—H.E. LIANG TENG-YEN, who for the past few years has presided over the Wai-wu-pu. He is a returned graduate from America who has secured fairly rapid promotion, thanks largely to his early association with YUAN SHUN-KAI. A man of undoubted ability, he is not greatly liked by his own countrymen, who believe him to be a slave to the opium habit. He is, however, thoroughly modern in his outlook and keenly realises the need of China turning to foreign countries for financial aid. Doubtless because of his associations with Yule and the fact of his having been selected as Minister to Washington in 1907, though he did not proceed thither, he is very pro-American in his leanings. He has an extremely difficult task ahead of him. On the one hand if he panders unduly to foreign demands he will incur the wrath of his own countrymen, while, on the other, a failure to look to outside sources for help will bring him into dislike by the representatives of the Powers. There are other men who might do better in the post could they be induced to take up office, but in the circumstances H.E. LIANG is perhaps the best man available. Time will test him.

The late Mr. James Miller (88), of The Cottage, Highwood Hill, Mill Hill, N.W., and of 2, Billiter Avenue, E.C., and of Singapore, merchant, a director of Messrs. Adamson, Gillman and Co., Limited, left estate of the value of £36,642.

Liutenant M. F. Day, who has just taken up the duties of adjutant of the 1st Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry, Hongkong, is, says a Home paper, the senior subaltern but one of the regiment. He got his commission in July, 1901, and served in South Africa with the 1st Battalion, taking part in the operations in the Transvaal, the action near Pretoria, the operations in Orange River Colony and Cape Colony (Queen's medal with four clasps).

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CORONATION CELEBRATION SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following additional amounts have been received:—
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Today's quotation for Para rubber, per Messrs. Vernon and Smyth is 6s. 1d.

The 29th case of plague is notified today, the subject, a Chinese, having died.

We are asked to remind our readers of the two performances of the "Follies" tomorrow and Saturday night.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bathing Club made its first trip last Saturday. A large attendance of members enjoyed a very pleasant outing.

It is estimated that the number of persons in the retinue of Indian Chiefs attending the Coronation Durbar will be between thirty and forty thousand. This, of course, will be inclusive of followers of all kinds.

The *Times* says that an exhibit at the Rubber Show that will, no doubt attract considerable attention will be one of commercial synthetic rubber, British made. This will be the first time it has been shown at a public exhibition.

We are desired to state that Mr. Timmerscheidt, accompanied by Mr. Dannenberg, has most kindly consented to play the Cesar Franck Sonata on the occasion of Lady Lugard's Weekly At Home tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, by special request.

The Manila Municipal board now has under consideration the drafting of an ordinance that will either exclude automobiles from the Luncheon during concert hours or prohibit their movements during those hours. If passed it will be the result of the disapprobation caused by a small percentage of the cars that frequent the popular drive.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been announced through the Lord Chamberlain that ladies taking part in the Coronation ceremony next June will be prohibited from wearing the hobble skirt. It is believed that Her Majesty has taken this course from a fear that ladies wearing such skirts will find it difficult to make their entrance.

The Siamese members of the boundary commission appointed to co-operate with the British officials in delimitating the Anglo-Siamese frontier at Patani, left for Patani on April 22 last by the Roribat, says the Siam Observer. They will meet Colonel Jackson, R.E., the Surveyor General for the F.M.S., and his party on the Patani river, and the work is expected to occupy several months.

This evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. a lecture is to be given by Rev. W.B. Foster Pegg, Chaplain to H.M. Forces in Hongkong, on the subject "Nansen's Farthest North." This will be an account in a very graphic way of the efforts of the famous explorer, Nansen, to reach the North Pole. The lecture will be illustrated by some very fine lantern slides and commences at 8 o'clock.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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In the House of Commons recently the Home Secretary said it was impossible to say without a domiciliary inquiry—which was not justified—how, and in what circumstances, individual Chinese now resident in Liverpool or elsewhere arrived in the United Kingdom, but from returns obtained under the Aliens Act, 1905, it appeared that the numbers of Chinese, other than seamen, who arrived at Liverpool as steerage passengers were 142 in 1909 and 97 in 1910. The question of Chinese immigration into Liverpool had been engaging the attention of his department, and he had now under consideration the steps which might be necessary to deal with it.

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FIRE AT TOKYO.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, May 10.

A big conflagration broke out here two days ago. The flames spread over a wide area and some 200 buildings were reduced to ashes. The fire continued until yesterday morning.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. Stewart, of the Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, has gone to Ipoh on transfer.

Sir Luke Fildes, R.A., has been commissioned to paint a State portrait of His Majesty King George V.

Colonel Seely, Under Secretary for War, made a trip in Mr. Graham White's aeroplane on April 23.

It is stated that the Queen Mother of Siam will be going to Hongkong shortly and will spend the summer there.

Lieut. C. D. Tod and 40 N.C.O.'s and men have proceeded to Tientsin per the a.s. Kueichow in relief of the Legation Guard at Peking.

Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross was sworn in as a member of the Legislative Council, at the meeting this afternoon, in place of the Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick.

During the absence of Mrs. Addison from the Colony, the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Recreation Club will be carried on by Mrs. Alabaster, 62, Peak.

Commander L. L. Flores, the Portuguese Consul-General at Bangkok, is proceeding home, via Saigon, Hongkong and Macao, on six months' leave. Mr. de Mello Flores, the Vice-Consul, will act as Consul-General.

Mr. William Heddle, Flett, of Cairn Road, Birkenhead, and of Liverpool, of Messrs W. H. Flett, Limited, of Liverpool, has left £1,000 and 50 shares in Messrs W. H. Flett, Limited, to the China Mission of the Presbyterian Church of England.

A marriage will shortly take place between Reginald Guy Henderson, Lieut. R.N., younger son of Commander John Hannam Henderson, R.N. (retired), Tonby, and Islay Edith Campbell, second daughter of the late Mr. Rhoderick Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Shanghai.

Mrs. Emma Calvé, while in Marseilles recently, met with a misadventure on April 1. She forgot her handbag after driving home in a motor-car, and as the bag contained a letter of credit for £480 and some securities, the artist's anxiety can be easily guessed; but the cabman was found, and he remembered the address to which he had driven the client who succeeded Mme. Calvé. The bag was found in the possession of this gentleman, who at once restored it to its rightful owner.

The death is announced of Mr. John Passmore Edwards. Born at Blackwater, Cornwall, in 1823, the son of a Cornish carpenter, he was educated at a village school, began work as agent for the *Sentinel* in Manchester, became a journalist in London in 1846, and took a great interest in public questions, especially in co-operation with Cobden and John Bright. In 1876 he bought the *Echo* and edited it for about twenty years. He contested Truro in 1893, and from 1890 to 1895 was M.P. for Salisbury. He founded more than seventy public institutions, including hospitals, homes, and libraries, and his name was chiefly associated with free libraries, of which as many as twenty-five owe their foundation to him. During a long life he amassed a considerable fortune and on two occasions declined a knight-hood.

COMPANY TO BE WOUND UP.

A petition for the winding up of the Kwong Hip Lung Co., Ltd., came before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Supreme Court this morning. The petition was presented by the Hong Fung Firm of No. 32, Wing On Street.

The nominal Capital of the Company was £200,000 divided into 10,000 shares of £20 each. The amount of capital paid up or credited as paid up was \$44,900. The assets were about \$150,000 and the liabilities \$190,000.

Mr. Eldon Potter appeared for petitioner instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro.

Mr. Potter said there was no opposition and the usual notices had been issued.

His Lordship—Under normal circumstances it is not usual to write of a company on these figures.

Mr. Potter—They are unable to get money and the company cannot carry on.

His Lordship—It may be they have to realize their assets.

The application was granted.

The Local Government Board has approved of a scheme of the Lancashire County Council by which a sum of £10,000 belonging to the King Edward Coronation Fund is to be allocated to cotton growing within the Empire as a permanent memorial to King Edward.

CHILDREN'S COMPLAINTS.

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THE FRENCH TASK IN MOROCCO.

EQUIPPING THE RELIEF EXPEDITION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, May 11.

It is reported from Paris that the Minister for War has explained that the Moroccan expedition must take every kind of supply for itself as well as ample stores for Fez when that town is relieved. The collection of these stores explains the delay.

Large reinforcements continue to leave France for Morocco.

RENEWED TROUBLE IN MEXICO

REBELS SEIZE A TOWN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, May 11.

A message from El Paso states that the rebels have captured the town of Juarez.

LATE TELEGRAM.

(From the Cable News American.)

MEXICAN INSURRECTION. SPREADING.

WASHINGTON, May 5.
Dispatches received in official circles from Mexico indicate that the insurrection is spreading rapidly throughout the entire country. The failure of the Diaz Government to ratify the provisional peace appears to have given a great impetus to the insurrectionary party.

The rebels have captured the city of Mazatlan filled with American refugees. Representative Benjamin K. Focht of Pennsylvania said to-day, on the floor of the House, that he regarded it as practically certain that the United States forces would have to occupy Mexico to restore order and give proper protection to life and property until a stable Government is established and peace restored.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

ANGLO-FRENCH ASSISTANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, May 10.

According to the *Daily Telegraph's* St. Petersburg correspondent, contracts will shortly be signed by an Anglo-French Company for the reconstruction of the Russian fleet at Nikolajeff.

THE OPIUM AGREEMENT.

OPINION OF CALCUTTA DEALERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, May 10.

A message from Calcutta states that the big opium dealers declare that they do not anticipate much or any immediate effect on the market by the recent agreement signed at Peking, except the strengthening of prices.

The consolidated import tax will produce little effect, Chinese dealers have accumulated stocks equivalent to about three months' supply.

THE KOREAN BISHOPRIC.

BIRMINGHAM VICAR APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, May 10.

The Rev. Trollope, vicar of St. Albans, Birmingham, has been appointed Bishop of Korea.

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APPLICATION FOR COSTS.

Before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Pigott at the Supreme Court this morning, a motion was made by the Hon. Mr. E. Pollock, K.C., on behalf of the Wing On firm, for an order that the court being of opinion that Messrs Dutton and Holyoak gave a finding upon two points, namely, whether the duck in question was of the width ordered and whether such duck was up to sample, and that Messrs Dutton and Holyoak found that the said duck was of different width from that ordered and was of inferior quality to the sample, and that the above two points were the only points which Messrs Dutton, Wier and Co., and the Wing On firm referred to Messrs Dutton and Holyoak for their decision and that Messrs Dutton, Wier and Co., have waived all other points, whether of fact or law, which they might or could have taken, other than the above points as to width and quality and that Messrs Dutton and Holyoak, having so found as aforesaid, are not entitled to make any further pronouncement in the matter, and that arbitrators have no power, in the case of a special contract for a special width of duck, to order the purchasers to accept the goods subject to an allowance, the costs of the Wing On firm and of the arbitrators of and incidental to the special case and the supplement thereto and, the argument thereon before the court be taxed and paid by Messrs Dutton, Wier and Co.

Hon. Mr. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the Wing On firm, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster appeared for Messrs Dutton, Wier and Co., instructed by Mr. G. Jackson.

Mr. Pollock said that shortly that was a motion in which his clients, in view of the judgment which his Lordship delivered in that matter recently, set up what they apprehended were the findings of the court in that judgment and they contended that on that judgment they were entitled to costs. The motion set out, what they respectfully apprehended, various points that were decided by his Lordship in his recent judgment. His Lordship held, as he understood it, that there were two points referred to arbitration and the points only namely, the width and quality. They would submit to the Court that they were entitled to costs as they had succeeded on the substantial matter which they desired to submit for the opinion of the court, namely, that the arbitrators, Messrs Dutton and Holyoak, did so that they did give such findings as to fact as to preclude them from proceeding further in the matter.

His Lordship—My first difficulty is rather a technical one. I am puzzled how I can make an order for costs when I have not given judgment on the case stated.

Mr. Alabaster—Your Lordship has no power to give costs and there are ample authorities for that.

His Lordship—My difficulty is that I have not given judgment. I have only expressed an opinion and I have not answered the questions in the case stated.

Mr. Pollock—Your Lordship has the fullest power under section 358 of the Code. We submit that nothing is clearer than the wording of the section and they submitted that the obvious matter on which his Lordship had had to determine was a proceeding before the Court. They had obviously succeeded on the main contention of the case. Your Lordship has found in fact that the protest of Mr. Brutton made at the earliest possible moment was a justifiable protest.

His Lordship—There is no order on which anything can go to the Registrar for taxation.

Mr. Pollock—The order that the Court had given on the point submitted and that view is in my favour.

His Lordship—If you take the opinion into the Registry the Registrar cannot do anything on that.

Mr. Pollock—We are asking for an order for the Court to exercise its undoubted power to make the order.

His Lordship—The point is what power has the Court to make an order in an abortive proceeding?

Mr. Pollock—They were not abortive so far as we were concerned.

His Lordship—They were abortive so far as the judgment was concerned.

Mr. Pollock—We submit the ordinary rule should be made. It may be, in a sense, that a somewhat difficult position has arisen, but that is not our fault.

His Lordship—I suggested several ways to settle the matter.

Mr. Alabaster—We have sent them a letter offering to settle the matter by any of the four suggestions by your Lordship. They have not answered that letter except by this motion.

His Lordship—If I made any order it could only be with regard to the proceedings before the Court.

Mr. Pollock—Yes.

His Lordship—There is this other point, whether these proceedings were not part of the proceedings of the arbitration.

Mr. Pollock said that as far as the arbitration proceedings were concerned, but as soon as the matter came into the court the court had jurisdiction over those proceedings. There were only two points, the first being was that a proceeding in the court which he said it was, and secondly, had the Wing On succeeded in their contention and they said they had. There was more or less a deadlock arising out of it but that was not their fault. When a Court gave an opinion in that way something must happen, a decree or order—something should be drawn up on paper.

His Lordship—The arbitrators made a grave mistake and why should either side pay the other costs?

Mr. Pollock—One party argued that the arbitrators should proceed and the other party objected to their proceeding.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that the court had no power to award costs.

After further argument his Lordship reserved judgment.

A GERMAN'S EXTRADITION.

Charge of Embezzlement.

A young German named Fritz Ebner, who was arrested at Bangkok on a charge of embezzlement and is being extradited to Canton, appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistrate's court this morning.

Mr. A. Lehmann, secretary to the German Consul in Hongkong, identified the defendant, whom he knew, and produced the warrant for his extradition. It bore the seal of the German Consulate at Canton.

His Worship (to defendant)—Have you any reason to show why you should not be committed to gaol pending an order of his Excellency the Governor for your extradition to Canton?

Defendant—I have no reason.

His Worship—Then you will be committed pending the order of his Excellency the Governor.

THE BARMAID PROSECUTION.

Magistrate Declines to Alter Decision.

At the Magistrate's court this afternoon Mr. E. R. Hallifax was asked to review his decision by which he dismissed the charge, on the 2nd inst., against Mr. Froimann, landlord of the Land We Live In Hotel, of permitting a woman to serve in the bar-room of his hotel.

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Mr. Alabaster—Your Lordship has no power to give costs and there are ample authorities for that.

His Lordship—My difficulty is that I have not given judgment. I have only expressed an opinion and I have not answered the questions in the case stated.

Mr. Pollock—Your Lordship has the fullest power under section 358 of the Code. We submit that nothing is clearer than the wording of the section and they submitted that the obvious matter on which his Lordship had had to determine was a proceeding before the Court. They had obviously succeeded on the main contention of the case. Your Lordship has found in fact that the protest of Mr. Brutton made at the earliest possible moment was a justifiable protest.

His Lordship—There is no order on which anything can go to the Registrar for taxation.

Mr. Pollock—The order that the Court had given on the point submitted and that view is in my favour.

His Lordship—If you take the opinion into the Registry the Registrar cannot do anything on that.

Mr. Pollock—We are asking for an order for the Court to exercise its undoubted power to make the order.

His Lordship—The point is what power has the Court to make an order in an abortive proceeding?

Mr. Pollock—They were not abortive so far as we were concerned.

His Lordship—They were abortive so far as the judgment was concerned.

Mr. Pollock—We submit the ordinary rule should be made. It may be, in a sense, that a somewhat difficult position has arisen, but that is not our fault.

His Lordship—I suggested several ways to settle the matter.

Mr. Alabaster—We have sent them a letter offering to settle the matter by any of the four suggestions by your Lordship. They have not answered that letter except by this motion.

His Lordship—If I made any order it could only be with regard to the proceedings before the Court.

Mr. Pollock—Yes.

His Lordship—There is this other point, whether these proceedings were not part of the proceedings of the arbitration.

Mr. Pollock said that as far as the arbitration proceedings were concerned, but as soon as the matter came into the court the court had jurisdiction over those proceedings. There were only two points, the first being was that a proceeding in the court which he said it was, and secondly, had the Wing On succeeded in their contention and they said they had. There was more or less a deadlock arising out of it but that was not their fault. When a Court gave an opinion in that way something must happen, a decree or order—something should be drawn up on paper.

His Lordship—The arbitrators made a grave mistake and why should either side pay the other costs?

Mr. Pollock—One party argued that the arbitrators should proceed and the other party objected to their proceeding.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that the court had no power to award costs.

After further argument his Lordship reserved judgment.

His Lordship—The arbitrators made a grave mistake and why should either side pay the other costs?

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council held to-day, May 11. There were also present:—

Major-General C. A. ANDERSON, Commanding the Troops in South China.

Hon. Mr. C. CLEMENTI, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, Acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. A. W. BROWN, Registrar General.

Hon. Capt. F. W. LYONS, Acting Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

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Hon. Mr. E. A. HENRY.

Mr. C. H. ROSS.

Hon. Mr. MONTAGUE EDO.

Mr. R. CHORROS (Clerk of Council).

A CORRECTION.

His Excellency said that at the meeting of the Legislative Council before the last one during his speech on the railway he had said that no provision had been made for the sinking fund in the estimate of the current year. He had intended to correct the error at the last sitting by stating that a provision of \$61,371 had been made but by some unaccountable reason he had overlooked it.

REVISED EDITION OF STATUTE LAWS.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorise the publication of a Newly Revised Edition of the Revised Edition of the Statute Laws of the Colony prepared in virtue of Ordinance No. 12 of 1900.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

MONEY LENDING ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law with respect to persons carrying on business as moneylenders.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

THE CENSUS.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Census Ordinance, 1881.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

This Ordinance is introduced in order to supplement some omissions in the Census Ordinance, discovered during the progress of the revision, and which are sufficiently serious to require legislation in view of the coming census. The amendments concern chiefly the status of the enumerators, and their powers in connection with collecting information, neither of which points is at all clear in the existing ordinance. In ordinary circumstances, the amendments being numerous, the ordinance should have been read twice, but this would have disarranged the work of the Revision. It is intended, however, to publish the Ordinance as amended in the Gazette for general information.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

The bill passed through committee without amendment.

On resuming Hon. Attorney General moved the third reading.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

Section 2.—It is proposed to abolish the words limiting the choice of these two members to representatives of Asiatic races other than Chinese.

Section 3.—The Senate cannot be constituted until the academic staff of the University has been selected; but in the meantime it is desirable that a member of the Senate of the Hongkong College of Medicine should have a seat in the Council of the University.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1906.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

This Bill introduces two important provisions of the Imperial Sale of Foods and Drugs Act 1899, the introduction of which has been strongly urged by the Government medical officers.

ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE.

Council went into committee on a Bill entitled an ordinance for regulating the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes within the Colony of Hongkong and its dependencies.

The Bill passed through committee with few alterations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee subsequently held, the Colonial Secretary presiding, the following reports were considered and passed:—

BUILDINGS.

A sum of \$2,000 in aid of the vote public works extraordinary, buildings, additions to No. 2, Police Station.

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A sum of \$50.81 in aid of the vote judicial and legal departments, E-Land Registry office, other charges, Official Receiver, and Registrar of Trade Marks, incidental expenses.

HONGKONG'S FINANCES.

Questions by the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai asked the questions standing in his name. They were as follows:—

The total amount of revenue; the total amount of expenditure; the amount of margin (if any); the amount of military contribution, and total amount spent on public works extraordinary for the years 1896 to 1910 inclusive?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said—On the assumption that the word "margin" is used in the sense in which it was defined by His Excellency the Governor in his speech on September 24th 1908, Hansard page 128, to which presumably the Honourable Member's question refers, I have the honour to lay upon the table a statement containing the figures asked for.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon the Hon. Mr. Montague Edo asked the following question. With reference to the remarks of the Honourable Mr. Shade in the debate of the 8th October 1908, will be Government lay upon the table some papers embodying the views and calculations of His Excellency the Governor upon the subject of the Military Contribution?

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PRISON.

The report of the Superintendent of the Prison was laid on the table at a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon.

The report stated:—The number of prisoners received into prison during the year and the corresponding number for the year 1909 were as follows:—

	1910.	1909.
Convicted by Ordinary Court.	3,973	4,183
" " Court Martial.	—	10
" " Commuted, &c.	—	5
Supreme Court for China and	—	—
Supreme Court for Siam.	1	5
High Court, Weihaiwei.	—	3
Debtors.	108	75
On remand or in default of finding surety.	785	933
Total.	4,867	5,215

There was thus a decrease of 348 on the total number of admissions as compared with the year 1909. There was a decrease of prisoners convicted for larceny during the year under review the number being 749 against 799 for the previous year.

The number of prisoners admitted to prison for offences not of a criminal nature, was 2,870.

The figures show that 72 per cent. of the total admissions to prison were for non-criminal offences. The percentage in 1909 was 69.

There were 89 juveniles admitted into prison 43 of whom were sentenced to be whipped in addition to various terms of imprisonment varying from twenty-four hours' detention to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The percentage of convicted prisoners sentenced to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 13.3 as compared with 13.6 for 1909.

There were 109 prisoners admitted who were convicted by the Police Court in the New Territories against 82 for the previous year. (161 in 1908).

For breach of prison discipline there were 775 in 1909 as compared with 1,133 for the preceding year. There were 4 cases in which corporal punishment was inflicted during the year.

There were 103 prisoners whipped by order of the Court. There were two cases in which one of the prisoners was recaptured by the Police.

There were 12 deaths from natural causes and one suicide. Seventeen prisoners were released on medical grounds.

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The improvements mentioned in paragraph 14 of my report for 1909 were completed during the year and the new Hall was occupied on the 17th December.

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